

**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS!**

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| 1. Mary Salvatore   | 10. Harry S. Corl  | 18. Janet Rex<br>Hattie Rist<br>Richard Roche   |
| 2. Barbara Crainer<br>Jane Korte<br>Sue Toth  | 11. Shirley Askey<br>Georgette Dray<br>Jane Kennedy<br>Judith Wadsworth  | 19. Christine Clara Michael<br>Dorothy Kizer  |
| 3. Denise Young<br>Rich Peters  | 12. Suzanne Smolen<br>Ethel Oswald<br>James Borsellino<br>Carl Gruber<br>Doris Harren<br>Alice Marshall<br>Nancy McCron<br>Allen Sukdolak<br>Diane Brunner<br>Arthur A. Hensel | 20. Joseph Begovich<br>Lois Tooke<br>Richard Lingenfelter<br>Art Klein<br>Jerome Penberthy                  |
| 4. Franklin Bliss<br>Carol Reuss<br>Eileen Stacharczyk<br>Michael Fazzalano   |  | 21. Robert Foster<br>Robert Lazarus<br>Patsy Compize<br>Mary Schweyen                                       |
| 6. Thomas Garrity<br>Lillie Sharon<br>Leland Berry<br>Lois Seidel   | 13. Frances Marien<br>Lillian Callahan   | 22. Walter Dean<br>Easter Kovac<br>Sally Nowe   |
| 7. Carmella Reinhardt<br>Henry Carney   | 14. Wilma Bender<br>Dorothy Banks  | 24. Gerry Inman   |
| 8. Frances Burgett<br>Elaine Davis<br>Mae Ogorchock<br>Shirley Conley<br>Sandra Brohman<br>Donald Riemer<br>Richard Bookhagen<br>Cathy Siracuse | 15. Howard Tanner<br>Beverly McCabe<br>Sanford Belsky<br>Walter Suter  | 25. Cecilia Gill<br>Clare Festaiute<br>Nancy Streicher  |
| 9. George J. Gargano<br>Marsha Lupejkis<br>Lois Kempf<br>Robert Kirsch<br>Jean Hammond  | 16. Shirley Smith  | 26. Gilbert Laub  |
|   | 17. Howard Lickers, Jr.<br>Joann Hedge<br>Lorna Jankowski  | 27. Florence Franasiak<br>28. Jean Charlesworth<br>29. Margaret Fox<br>Albert Reinhardt<br>Catherine Carney |



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### **Center Hours**

The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Call us anytime at 692-7029. We have a health maintenance room with several pieces of exercise equipment for use by seniors 55 years of age and older. This room is open daily until 3:30pm.

The downstairs game room, featuring three beautiful billiard tables, is open daily until 3:45pm. We also have a TV room downstairs where the computer is kept for your use. Feel free to join the programs at your convenience.

### **Senior Center Lifetime Membership**

If you are 55 years old or older and are looking to have access to a place with many programs and events, The City of Tonawanda Senior Center is for you. The cost is just \$5.00 for a lifetime membership. Whether you want to play cards, learn to dance or just socialize...this is the best deal in town!

Cash or check payable to The City of Tonawanda can be paid at The Senior Center or the Parks & Recreation office located at 150 Fillmore Ave.

### **Coming Events at the Center**

**Center closed—February 19th**  
**Taxes Wednesdays and Thursdays February**  
**7th thru April 12th**  
**Dinner Meeting and auction—February 26th**  
**Election of Officers—March 26th**

### **Coming Events around the City**

#### **Dinner Meeting**

February 26th is this month's dinner and business meeting. Bingo at 4:00pm with a meatloaf dinner served at 5:00pm. President Cheryl Doran will conduct the business meeting at 6:00pm. Following the meeting we will have our annual auction with auctioneer Joe Toth. Donations of new or slightly used items wrapped may be dropped off at the center. Reservations are required for dinner. The tickets are \$8.00 and must be purchased by Friday, February 23rd. All members are welcome to attend the meeting and program.

## Services at the Center

### **Attorney**

There is a change in day for Attorney Potter to be at the Center. It will now be on the second Tuesday of the month. **Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00am.**

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Fire Department personnel provide this free service on **Thursday, February 1st from 11:00am to 11:30am.**

### **Univera**

Will have a representative at the Center on **Tuesday, February 13th at 1:00pm.**

### **Fidelis Medicare**

Will have a representative at the Center on **Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00pm.**

### **Blue Cross & Blue Shield**

Will have a representative at the Center on **Tuesday, February 20th at 1:00pm.**

### **EPIC**

Have you checked out what EPIC can do for you lately? The New York State Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program EPIC provides secondary prescription coverage to eligible NYS seniors with Medicare Part D plans.

To be eligible for EPIC seniors must be a NYS resident, 65 years or older, previous year's income cannot exceed \$75,000 single and \$100,000 married, be enrolled or eligible to enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan and cannot be receiving Full Medicaid benefits.

EPIC provides secondary prescription coverage for Medicare Part D and EPIC covered drugs after any Medicare Part D deductible is met. By using EPIC together with Medicare Part D, members save more money on the cost of their prescription drugs.

For many seniors, it is less expensive to enroll in

EPIC and Medicare Part D than just Medicare Part D alone. EPIC pays the Part D drug plan premiums up to \$39.73 per month in 2016 for members with income up to \$23,000 single or \$29,000 married. Higher income members are responsible for paying their Medicare Part D premiums but will receive Part D assistance in the form of reduced EPIC deductibles.

Seniors may apply for EPIC at any time during the year even if they do not have a Medicare Part D plan. Enrolling in EPIC will provide eligible seniors a Special Enrollment Period from Medicare allowing them to join a Medicare Part D drug plan or switch to another Medicare Part D plan outside of their Open Enrollment Period. Join EPIC today for additional savings on your Medicare Part D prescription drugs.

For an application or more information, please call the toll-free EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm or visit the EPIC website at [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov). An EPIC representative will be available to help seniors enroll at the center. A representative will be at the center **Tuesday, February 13th at 1:00pm.**

### **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)**

This program is sponsored by the Erie County Department of Senior Services. Call the Center to make an appointment with the representative. If you are going to be 65 soon, you should ask questions about three months before your birthday. Anyone may make an appointment if you have questions regarding current coverage or comparing other coverage available. **Tuesday, February 13th, 20th and 27th from 1:00pm-3:00pm.**

### **Brush Up Class with The Net Cracker**

Cost is \$40 and class size is limited to 5 people. Class will include: whatever your questions are regarding the internet, email, Facebook, digital photos, word processing and more. To register call Kim at 531-0494. Private lessons are also available.

## Instructional Classes & Recreation

### **Tiachi**

Anyone interested in one or both of these programs please call the center. There will be a fee for these programs.

### **Mahjong (Mah-Jong)**

We are currently seeking more players to play on Tuesday afternoons from **1pm-3pm**.

### **Women's Pinochle**

On Tuesdays at **1pm** all women are welcome!

### **Bridge**

Thursday mornings at **11am**. If you are interested, please call the center at 692-7029.

### **Canasta**

To play, please call the Center or join in on any Wednesday at **1pm**.

### **Euchre**

Euchre players voted to change the time to **9am** on Tuesday mornings.

### **Ball Room Dancing**

This class will be on Fridays at **1pm**. Marge Dorato is the instructor. Anyone may join. There is a \$2.00 fee for the class.

### **Line Dance Class**

Line Dance Class is on Monday with instructor Marge Dorato at **11am**. There is a class fee of \$2.00.

### **Adult Coloring**

Join us for coloring, coffee and conversation every Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Pencils will be supplied. Any questions call the center.

### **Scrap Booking**

Will meet on **Wednesday, February 28th 10am-2pm**. Materials for the class will be provided, but donations are always welcome. You do not have to stay for the complete class, but if you do, bring your lunch and favorite photos, or just stop in to see what the class offers.

### **Wii Bowling League & Wii Programs**

Come and join the fun on Friday mornings at **10:30am**. If you are unable to attend Friday mornings feel free to come to the Center any time to play.

### **Craft Class**

Join us every Thursday at **10am**. Come and make some new crafts. Materials are supplied for you.

### **Ceramic Class**

All materials are supplied at no charge. Why not join us on Wednesday mornings at **10am** and make a ceramic piece?

### **Billiards**

The billiards room is open to all members from 9:30am to noon each day. Tournaments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday will start at 12:30pm. Please be there 15 minutes early. New players are always welcome.

### **Bocce**

Everyone is invited to join the league and are welcome to attend the start of the 2018 season in April with meeting time and date to be announced in the newsletter. If you have any questions you may call Jim Connors at 694-4038.

## Member Updates

The Officers for the 2017-2018 year are:

**President - Cheryl Doran**  
**Vice President—Jean Hammond**  
**Secretary—Myrna Waite**  
**Treasurer—Carol Dammann**  
**Board Members:**

**Joe Toth**  
**Sue Toth**  
**Cindy Kerr**  
**Arlene Cooper**

### **Sunshine Secretary**

Joanne Catipovic will serve for the 2017-2018 term. If anyone knows of a member who is shut-in at home, resides in a nursing home, or is in the hospital, please call the office or notify Joanne.

### **Election of Officers**

Election of Officers will take place at the March 26th dinner meeting. Anyone interested in seeking an office may contact any of the Officers or Board members who will inform you of the duties of the office you are considering.

### **Our Sincere Sympathy to the family and friends of:**

**Emma Barr**  
**Charles Lawson**

### **AARP Tax Program**

Appointments for this program will start on Monday, January 22nd by calling the center 692-7029. You must have an appointment or you will not be taken. We are fortunate to again have the same volunteers. Please have the following: copy of last year's income tax return(s), W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, SSA-1099 form if you were paid SS benefits, all 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B) showing interest and or/ dividends and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets, 1099-misc., 1099-R, all forms indicating federal income tax paid, dependent care provider information (name, employer, ID, SS number), all receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions, SS cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependants.

## **Fire Chief Charles B. Stuart**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for planning, carrying out operations, and performing recovery during a serious incident or event on a large scale FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a part of Homeland Security requires every municipality to prepare a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to deal with potential large scale disasters. The City is required to maintain and update this plan on regular basis.

### **OEM Staff**

**Linda Foels**, a well-known figure in Tonawanda serves as one of the Deputy Directors. Among other duties, Linda oversees the Special Needs Registry. People in our community with special needs are vulnerable especially during incidents affecting weather, transportation and hazardous materials situations. Linda, in concert with the other Deputy Directors and a small volunteer staff, maintain a list (confidential) of people in Tonawanda with special needs. In the event of an emergency, resources can be utilized to check on and if necessary, move, house, and feed those folks who are at extreme risk.

**Phil Frederick**, a new resident of Tonawanda, serves as Deputy Director for Operations and Planning. When you attend Canal Fest, Ride for Roswell, Fourth of July, or any major event in Tonawanda, Phil, in conjunction with the other Deputy Directors, prepares the plans and coordinates resources for the event. If you have been to Canal Fest, you probably have seen the Command Post vehicle parked in a strategic location. This vehicle contains communication equipment that can reach out to law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies. During Canal Fest coordinated communications are essential to ensure the safety of the public during the event. In the event of a major emergency, Phil and the staff are prepared to provide inter-agency communications ensuring a coordinated response to the event. In addition Phil also is a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Response Team.

**Mark Banks** also serves as a Deputy Director and focuses on community liaison work. Mark is a retired educator, and a member of the Southern Baptist Disaster Response team. Continued on page 5

## **Community Events**

### **Food Pantry Donations**

The Tonawanda and North Tonawanda food pantry is still in need of paper bags and non perishable food items. Donations may be dropped off at the center anytime. We thank all the members who have been so generous.

### **City of Tonawanda Emergency Information**

In case of an emergency or for public service announcements in our community, tune in to radio station 1670 AM for any necessary information.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

The department also can provide blood pressure checks for anyone interested. Persons can walk into Fire Headquarters (44 William Street) off the street and just ask our duty personnel on house-watch to measure their BP. Our members will write the numbers down for you so you can keep track. If you are a regular visitor at the Senior Citizens Center you will know that the fire department visits the Main Street facility to provide blood pressure screening on the first Thursday of each month at 11 AM.

### **Special Needs Registry**

The Office of Emergency Management, which works under the direction of the Fire Chief and Police Chief, maintains a list known as the Special Needs Registry. In the event of a long-term power outage, extreme weather condition or other similar event, it could be difficult for some persons to manage on their own for extended periods. This could be someone who requires constant medical treatment (oxygen therapy), homecare aid assistance (and the aid cannot make it in due to weather conditions) or just regular elderly persons who because of various reasons, would have difficulty taking care of themselves for long periods. In order to ensure that these residents are taken care of, the department will use the Special Needs Registry list to check on those individuals during situations as described above.

Information listed on the Special Needs form remains confidential and is made available only to emergency personnel should a disaster-type situation occur. If you, a family member or anyone you know falls into the category of Special

Needs+ we encourage you to have those persons added to this list. You can do so by calling fire headquarters and leaving a message with the Emergency Management Office. They will return your call and explain all that is necessary in order to get onto the list.

### **Erie County Board of Elections**

Erie County Board of Elections is in need of election inspectors for the election cycle. For more information call the Erie County Board of Elections at 858-4982.

### **Council President Jenna Koch**

May the New Year bring good health and happiness to you.

We are collecting Valentines for the veterans. If you would like to make or donate them they may be dropped off at the center no later than Friday February 9th. They will be delivered by the 14th.

The 3rd Warrior walk will be on Wednesdays starting Wednesday, May 30th. Schedules will be available at the center.

If you have any questions you can call me at 692-3070.

### **Senior & Enhanced Star Exemption**

A reminder that this exemption must be renewed every year by March 1st. Any questions you have you can call the assessor office at 695-8639.

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Mark's role in the OEM is to reach out to Department Heads, Community Leaders, and others to form a working relationship with the Office of Emergency Management. In addition, Mark is tasked with the telecommunications in the OEM as well as other city agencies. Mark works closely with Lt. Scott Sheehan of the Police Department to ensure that vital communications are up to date and maintained.

Other members of OEM who serve under the direction of the Deputies include; **Robert Allard, Pat and Ron Emsminger and Michelle McGroder**. There is also a sub-group to the OEM known as the Disaster Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC). The DPAC group is made up of several department heads and volunteers who assist the OEM with planning and research and in some instances, operations.

If you have questions call 692-8400 and press #7. Just leave a message with your phone # one of the Deputy Directors will get back to you.

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*Wishing all our members a Happy Valentine's Day*

## Senior Van Service

## Lions Club

Are you 60 years of age or older and capable of getting in and out of a van without assistance and do not receive MEDICAID? You may qualify for the %Going Places Van+. Operating schedule Tuesday through Friday, except some holidays, beginning at 7:30am. No pickups past 2:30pm. A donation of \$2.00 EACH WAY is requested for local trips, and \$3.00 EACH WAY for Buffalo, Williamsville, Cheektowaga and Amherst. Please contact the Parks-Recreation department at 505-1172 to request an application.

Eye glasses and hearing aides you no longer use may be dropped off at the center and a member of the club will pick them up.

## United Way

Representative Joanne Mierzwa will be at the center on **Wednesday, February 7th and February 21st at 10:00am to noon.** With the Tonawanda office closed and the office in Lockport we offer this service to the City of Tonawanda residents.

## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP is a federally funded program to assist income eligible Erie County residents with the cost of home heating and electricity. The HEAP outreach will be administered by the Erie County department of social services and senior services and is open to all income eligible households. The HEAP program opened November 13th. If you are applying for the first time call 858-1969 for an application or come to the outreach at the center. Bring your gas and electric bills along with all your income information.

## Pharmacist

Pharmacist Dawn Hoffmann of Walgreens will be at the center on **Wednesday, February 21st 1:00pm—1:30pm.** Bring all your prescriptions and over the counter medicines such as vitamins and other supplements in their original packaging. Questions concerning insurance will be entertained.

HEAP income guide lines 2017-2018

Household size	Gross Monthly Income	
	Tier 1	Tier 2
1	\$1,307	\$1,308-\$2,318
2	\$1,759	\$1,760-\$3,3031
3	\$2,212	\$2,213-\$3,744
4	\$2,665	\$2,666-\$4,457
5	\$3,118	\$3,119-\$5,170
6	\$3,571	\$3,572-\$5,883
7	\$4,024	\$4,025-\$6,017
8	\$4,476	\$4,477-\$6,150
9	\$4,929	\$4,930-\$6,284
10	\$5,382	\$5,383-\$6,418

## Library

The center has a library which offers books, jigsaw puzzles, videos, discs, and audio books. Stop in and browse.

## Vial of Life

Vial of life is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment. It is free so all it will cost you is a little time. Information and forms for this program are available at the center.

## Heating (furnace) Equipment repair or Replacement

This is a program open to HEAP eligible clients. To see if you qualify call Erie County senior services 858-1969.